

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 15, 19, 20, 32, 35, 37, 39, 44, 47, 49, 52, 53, 57, 59, 61 and 62 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-14, 16-18, 21-31, 33, 34, 36, 38, 40-43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 54-56, 58 and 60 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1, 7, 32, 44, 47, 49, 52 and 59 are sought to be amended. These amendments are sought to place the claims into proper form for U.S. practice and do not introduce new matter.

Applicants also seek to amend the specification to insert therein the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" and thereby state the priority of the present application. This amendment does not introduce new matter.

Applicants have also submitted herewith a computer-readable copy of the sequence listing. The computer-readable and paper copies of the sequence listing submitted herewith are the same and include no new matter. 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for immediate examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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